

Interpreter Recruitment

Attention all individuals interested in becoming DSHS certified/qualified interpreters!!

The Washington State Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS) is looking for interpreters to help provide services to eligible Limited-English-Proficient clients. While we need interpreters for all spoken languages, we are especially interested in recruiting interpreters for Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Somali, Arabic, Farsi, Punjabi, Ukrainian, and other hard-to-find languages (may vary with location). We are currently experiencing shortages in these languages.

Your services as a certified interpreter will assist the Limited-English-Proficient community to access DSHS services and medical care. As a certified interpreter you are paid for your bilingual skills. You can choose to work full-time, part-time, evenings or weekends (talk to contracted interpreter agencies about employment opportunities). College students can work part-time while attending school, or as a second job.

We encourage you to become a certified or authorized Interpreter by taking the test offered by the DSHS Language Testing & Certification Program (LTC). ***DSHS requires certification/authorization to work as a DSHS Interpreter.*** You can choose to take any of the following tests, or challenge yourself and take all three:

Social Services Interpreter Test:

Written Test: \$30.00 per attempt
Oral Test: \$45.00 per attempt
Simultaneous Test: \$25.00 per attempt (retake only)

Medical Interpreter Test:

Written Test: \$30.00 per attempt
Oral Test: \$45.00 per attempt

Translator Test:

Written Test: \$50.00 per attempt

To learn more about the **DSHS Language Testing and Certification Program**, please call: **1-800-605-5126 or (360) 664-6038**. To view the Examination Manual and download the Application form, visit the LTC website at:
<http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/msa/ltc/>.

To learn more about how to work as a certified/authorized interpreter under the DSHS brokerage model, please call 360-725-1721 or 360-725-1394, or visit the website at: <http://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/maa/interpreterservices/>. DSHS contracts directly with 8 brokers statewide who contract with the various interpreter agencies who hire the newly certified/authorized interpreters.

Be part of the solution – Call Now!